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INFANT'S LIFE SAVED BY FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE GUARD

BLOOMINGTON, Minn.—Sgt. Amy Kroth saved the life of a 10-month-old boy last week by performing CPR on him after his heart and breathing had stopped during his parents' visit to a local Federal building here. Kroth is a security guard contracted to the Federal Protective Service (FPS), a division of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

"Sergeant Kroth's actions were nothing short of heroic," said Ronald Chamberlain, FPS Area Commander in Minnesota. "When the emergency arose, she didn't hesitate. I have no doubt that the child is alive today because of her actions."

Sgt. Kroth supervises the FPS security force that screens visitors who come to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) offices for immigration-related matters.

On the afternoon of August 18, the infant's parents had been conducting business on an upper floor of 2901 Metro Drive, which houses ICE and USCIS, both agencies within the Department of Homeland Security. The child, who had been reportedly running a fever, was having difficulty breathing. After paramedics were called, the couple quickly carried their son to the elevator and rode to the ground floor where they encountered Sgt. Kroth.

Kroth immediately checked the infant but couldn't find the boy's pulse or detect breathing. She administered cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, or CPR, until she could detect a pulse, and then continued to administer resuscitation breaths until medical emergency personnel arrived.

“You learn a lot of things in school that you may never use,” said Kroth after the incident. “But I’ve always thought lifesaving skills might come in handy.” Kroth said the event had a special resonance for her, as she has a toddler herself. “I went home that night and held him for two hours straight,” she said.

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FPS Background information:

The Federal Protective Service (FPS), a component of ICE, provides security to the more than 8,800 federally owned and leased facilities throughout the United States and its territories. In Minnesota, FPS provides security for 104 facilities, 60 of them in the Twin Cities metropolitan area. In addition to federal employees, FPS employs contract personnel such as Sgt. Kroth, who is an employee AKAL Security, Inc.

“Although the public sees us every day and recognizes us as law enforcement officers, I don’t think many people realize who we are,” said FPS Area Commander Chamberlain. “We are, in fact, proud participants in the government’s mission to keep our country safe and secure.”

FPS has full law enforcement authority on federal property or property leased by the federal government, including the authority to detain and arrest, seize goods or vehicles and respond to incidents or emergencies.

FPS officers, investigators and inspectors and contract employees:

- screen visitors entering federal facilities
- provide protection at federal facilities during demonstrations or periods of civil unrest
- conduct criminal investigations
- protect life and property on federally controlled grounds
- respond to natural disasters
- provide security for VIPs
- teach classes on violence in the workplace
- provide identity theft prevention training.

In addition to their traditional duties, FPS law enforcement personnel provide support to a range of other events as part of the Department of Homeland Security’s overall mission of protecting the homeland. Minnesota FPS officers helped protect world leaders at this summer’s G-8 Summit at Sea Island, Georgia; were part of the security force at the Democratic National Convention in Boston; and will provide security at the upcoming Republican National Convention in New York.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), responsible for the enforcement of border, economic, infrastructure, and transportation security laws. ICE seeks to prevent acts of terrorism by targeting the people, money and materials that support terror and criminal networks.